

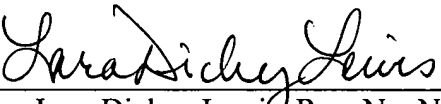
REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending in the above-identified application. With this preliminary amendment, Claims 1-23, 28, and 30-39 are hereby cancelled thereby leaving only Claims 24-27 and 29 pending for consideration. The title has been amended to more clearly set forth the invention as claimed in the pending claims. The specification has been amended to identify parent application Serial No. 09/935,516 and to include a claim of priority to the parent application and its parent applications. A copy of the original Declaration and Power of Attorney is submitted herewith pursuant to M.P.E.P. 201.06(c).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests prompt and favorable consideration by the Examiner of the now pending application.

Respectfully submitted,

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